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In re Patent Application of:

David W. Carlson

Appln. No.: 09/678,414

Filed: October 2, 2000

For: METHOD FOR PLANARIZING A THIN FILM

Group Art Unit: 2823

Examiner: Brook Kebede

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** which begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper;

**Remarks** which begin on page 13 of this paper;

**Appendix A** which begins on page 22 of this paper;

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**Appendix B** which begins on page 23 of this paper;

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2005

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it is not possible for a material that readily flows to have a substantially uniform thickness over an uneven surface.

In addition, Doan also teaches that deformable material 30 can be formed from a readily deformable metal (see column 8, lines 19-21 of Doan). A deformable metal, however, can not be read to be non-conductive. Thus, since the Doan reference fails to teach or suggest a layer of second material that is non-conductive, and has a substantially uniform thickness, claim 17 is not anticipated by the Doan reference.

Thus, for the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that all of the claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II**

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AMENDMENT B		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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AMENDMENT C		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR
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